

## Justice & Peace Link September 2023

**National Justice and Peace Network Publications** See the NJPN [website](#) for the Autumn issue of MouthPeace, produced by NJPN North West, as usual including some very interesting articles. The website also gives access to videos and recordings of speakers at our Conference in July.

### Ongoing

Sunday, 1 September to Friday, 4 October **Season of Creation** This year's theme is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. There are lots of resources for individuals and parishes - to download click [here](#)

Scottish Laity Network has organised a series of webinars for the **Season of Creation**. Each session will be on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm (UK). They are included in the 'Events' listing below.

The Columban Missionaries offer a liturgical guide for Sundays during the **Season of Creation**; click [here](#) to download.

### Events

Friday, 1 September **Pray and fast for the climate** You are invited to join millions of Christians around the world in marking the first day of every month by praying and fasting for the climate. Monthly prayer points are published and can be used at any time during the month. September prayer points will be available [here](#)

Friday, 1 September

#### **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**

Read the Message of Pope Francis for this year's World Day of Prayer [here](#)

Friday, 1 September 2pm

**Global Online Ecumenical Prayer Service for Season of Creation** Watch on [YouTube](#)

Friday, 1 September

7pm

Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution, 16–18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN

**How Powerful Are Israel's Friends?** Is there such a thing as 'the Israel lobby' in Britain – and if so, how influential is it really? With speaker, Dr Hil Aked, writer, investigative researcher and activist with a background in political sociology whose work has appeared in the Guardian and Independent and on Sky News and Al Jazeera. Arranged by Bath Friends of Palestine. Book tickets (£3-£5) [here](#)

Wednesday, 6 September

10 am - 12 noon

Moorend Spout Nature Reserve, Pound Lane, Nailsea BS48 2NN

**Wilder Waterways Well being Walks** arranged by Avon Wildlife Trust. Join ecotherapist and wellbeing facilitator Emily Chiswell on this beautiful nature reserve, to beat the post summer holiday blues! Book free tickets [here](#) Check out the [Avon Wildlife Trust](#) website for more information about this and other events.

Thursday, 7 September 7 - 8.30pm

**Flowing within the Divine: A Spirituality for ALL Seasons** with Arlene Flaherty, a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, NY. For the past 40 years her ministry has been at the intersection of theology, spirituality, and justice. For the past year, she has been teaching Theology and

Spirituality in an Evolutionary Context at An Tairseach, the Dominican Organic Farm and Ecology Center in County Wicklow, Ireland. In this session, we will reflect on some theological and spiritual insights emerging from contemporary understandings of creation. The hope is that throughout the session, participants will harvest the wisdom needed to align with the FLOW, so as to support God's dream and our desire - the flourishing of creation's community of life - a community to which we all belong. Arranged by the Scottish Laity Network as part of their Season of Creation series. Click for [Registration Form](#)

Friday, 8 September

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm *Hybrid event*

Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution, 16–18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN/ online

**Lights & the insect apocalypse** What is the insect apocalypse, and what has it to do with the lights in your back garden? It is now widely accepted that artificial light at night can have negative effects on human health, but what of its effects on wildlife? Did you know for example that artificial light leads to the death of billions of birds each year and that it is a major driver of the "insect apocalypse", with studies suggesting that 40% of insects will become extinct within decades. An upcoming talk at BRLSI briefs you on the solutions at hand, and even better, how implementing them will prove good for your purse strings! With Steve Tonkin the Dark Skies Advisor to both the Cranborne Chase AONB International Dark Sky Reserve and the Federation of Astronomical Societies. Book tickets (£3-£6) [here](#)

Saturday, 9 September

10.30am to 6pm

College Green, Bristol, walk starts at 11am; Long Ashton (2.5 miles) by 12.30pm and continue walking at about 1.30pm aiming to reach the airport by 5pm.

**Pilgrimage for the Planet** Christian Climate Action Bristol invite people of all faiths and none to join CCA members as they walk together to Bristol airport. Setting off from Bristol Cathedral, stopping for a picnic lunch at All Saints Church, Long Ashton, and arriving at the airport together to participate in a 'sacred action' continuing the long standing campaign against airport expansion. You are welcome to join the walk at Long Ashton for the 6 mile walk from there to the airport.

Sunday, 10 September

**Education Sunday** Resources for schools and parishes [here](#)

Tuesday, 12 September

7.30 pm - 9.00pm

Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution, 16–18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN

**Doughnut Economics: can Bath thrive like Amsterdam?** Join Carra Santos MSc for a snapshot of 21st century Doughnut Economics insights, exploring the economic mindset proposed by Kate Raworth and a cross-sector collaborative vision for Bath. From the Repair Café movement to 'rainproofing' urban areas, we'll take active inspiration from Amsterdam, the first city to formally embrace the Doughnut as a strategy for economic development, as a springboard for ideas and conversation.

Carra Santos MSc is a cross-sector educator and interpreter, supporting creative enterprise, cities and communities to co-design the transition to sustainable futures. In addition to her practice, she is a Design Council Specialist Expert, and a Doughnut Economics educator and consultant, supporting University of Bath with outreach and engagement. Book tickets (£3-£6) [here](#)

Saturday, 16 to Saturday, 23 September

**World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel,**

This year's theme is "No place to lay my head" The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites people and churches all over the world to pray, advocate, and stand in solidarity with people in the Holy Land during this week. Resources are available from the Pax Christi [website](#)

Thursday, 14 September 7 - 8.30pm

**The Reality of Climate Change and Myth Busting** with Fr Eduardo Agosto Scarel, an Italian-born Catholic priest and Carmelite friar raised in Argentina. He is an expert in climate variability and change and its impact on a regional level, integral ecology, eco-theology, and science-faith relationship. He has done extensive research on the climate and climate change and held a number of academic posts in this area. He is also a consultant for the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, a member of the International Commission for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation of the Carmelite Order, a consultant for the Latin American Episcopal Council, and Principal Advisor on Advocacy for the Laudato Si' Movement. Arranged by the Scottish Laity Network as part of their Season of Creation series. Click for [Registration Form](#)

Saturday, 16 September

10am – 5.30pm

The Station, Silver Street, Bristol

**The Debt Justice National Gathering 2023** Hear from inspiring speakers, including Gargi Battacharyya, Professor of sociology, who will help explain how the global economy got to where it is today; find out the latest on the debt crisis facing 54 countries and why we can't fight the climate crisis without addressing the debt crisis; hear from campaigners at the frontline of the UK's household debt crisis. Almost 13 million people in the UK are in serious debt, Yesmin Begum, a campaigner with the Unfair Debt Group will share her experiences of campaigning and the need for grassroots activism. Ffi and to book your free place click [here](#)

Sunday, 17 September

**Disability Awareness Sunday** Resource pack on 'The Unique Gifts God Gives Us' with a short video, a suggested service outline and free postcards available for everyone who attends. Click [here](#) for further information.

Monday, 18 to Tuesday, 19 September

**UN Summit on Sustainable Development Goals** in New York

Did you know that the UK signed up in 2015 to deliver on the SDGs by 2030. To find out more click [here](#). The videos from the NJPN Conference which was based on the SDGs will give you a picture of the current situation (see the first item above)

Tuesday, 19 September

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm *Hybrid event*

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**How gangs recruit girls!** If the lifeblood of organised crime is the weak and the vulnerable, what does that say of those newly recruited to the ranks? Organised crime is understood to be a "male only" world, yet a new book *Graphic Narratives of Organised Crime, Gender and Power in Europe* (Routledge 2022) analyses the first-hand accounts of girls and women inducted into the criminal underworld. Stories covered in the talk include harrowing narratives of young women recruited into British gangs, Nigerian syndicates, Italian Mafias, and Albanian drug gangs. Speaker Professor Felia Allum. Book tickets (£3-£6) [here](#)

Thursday, 21 September 7 - 8.30pm

**How might Christians respond to the Climate Emergency?** With Val King, Co-ordinator Christian Climate Action, Scotland, comes from a business background and was joint owner

and Managing Director of a manufacturing company based in the Cotswolds. In 2019 the business was sold to 70 employees via an Employee Ownership Trust and Val and her husband Pete moved to Stirling where they now own a 69 acre farm they are re-wilding. She now spends her time in climate activism, advising businesses on employee ownership and growing veggies in a very large polytunnel. Arranged by the Scottish Laity Network as part of their Season of Creation series. Click for [Registration Form](#)

Thursday, 21 September

**International Day of Peace** this year's theme 'Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals'. The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on this date. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. Ffi click [here](#)

Thursday, 21 September to Monday, 2 October

**Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action** Find out how you can be involved [here](#)

Monday, 25 September

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm *Hybrid event*

Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution, 16–18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN/ online  
**Nagasaki: the forgotten prisoners** Distinguished broadcaster John Willis relays the stories of hundreds of British, Australian, American and Dutch prisoners who were working as forced labourers close to where the second bomb detonated in Nagasaki. He shares their eyewitness accounts of one of the most significant moments in history. John Willis is one of the UK's best-known television executives, having formerly been Director of Programmes at C4 and Director of Factual and Learning at the BBC, also a previous Chair of BAFTA. He is currently Chairman of Mentorn Productions, which produces Question Time for the BBC. Ffi and to book tickets (£3-£6), click [here](#)

Tuesday, 26 September

7.30pm

Bristol, Tobacco Factory Theatre, Raleigh Road, Southville, Bristol, BS3 1TF

**The Mistake** a play by Michael Mears. Interweaving the stories of a young woman in war-time Hiroshima, a brilliant Hungarian scientist, and the American pilot who flew the plane that dropped the bomb, THE MISTAKE is a powerful drama that confronts the dangers that arise when humans dare to unlock the awesome power of nature. Ffi and to buy tickets, click [here](#)

Thursday, 28 September 7 - 8.30pm

**Birthing Cosmos and Self - Revelations of the Aramaic Jesus** with Neil Douglas-Klotz, an internationally acknowledged teacher, scholar, author, and musician, specialising in the native traditions of Southwest Asia (the "Middle East"). He is the author of Prayers of the Cosmos, The Hidden Gospel, The Sufi Book of Life, Revelations of the Aramaic Jesus and many other books. Neil's work helps us to discover the language that Jesus spoke and appreciate the culture he lived in as a Galilean peasant. It gives insights into the thinking and the cosmology of the Aramaic Jesus. Arranged by the Scottish Laity Network as part of their Season of Creation series. Click for [Registration Form](#)

If you would like to publicise an event, please send details to the Secretary, Clifton Diocese Justice and Peace Commission [justiceandpeace@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:justiceandpeace@cliftondiocese.com). The items above are included as they may be of interest because of their relevance to peace and justice issues. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Commission.

